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11. (S/NF) Summary: Pakistani ground forces advanced into the interior of Makin, where they appear to be meeting little resistance in the si

12. (S//NF) The Pakistan military's Operation Rah-e-Nijat continues as ground forces control the three former TTP strongholds of Ladha, Maki The 7th Division moved substantial forces into the Makin interior with apparent impunity, which suggests they are meeting light resistance. Meanwhile air strikes were conducted in South Waziristan and the northern FATA throughout the week.

STATUS OF GROUND FORCES

13. (S/NF) On the southeast axis, the 14th Division task force, which entered Janata on November 19, has secured key terrain to over watch a

14. (S/NF) On the southwest axis, the 9th Division has secured Ladha and appears to have initiated a deliberate attack toward Makin on Novem

15. (S/NF) In the north, units of the 7th Division have entered Makin and appear to have unfettered access to the village. There has been 1

16. (S/NF) In related action in North Waziristan, an infantry company team has established a blocking position five miles east of Razmak and

17. (S/NF) Comment: Over the last several weeks, Operation Rah-i-Nijat has significantly disrupted the command, control, and logistics of the

18. (S/NF) On a brighter note, there is the possibility that operations in the northern FATA may provide additional opportunities to embed U